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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Generose Marie Szostak of Sedgebrook, who passed away on April 8, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Generose Szostak was born in Waukegan on November 24, 1929 to Narcyz "Nick" Snarski and Charlotte (nee Ratajczak) Snarski; she graduated from Holy Rosary School in 1943 and Waukegan Township High School in 1947; she married Charles Joseph Szostak on September 8, 1951 at Holy Rosary Church in North Chicago, now known as Queen of Peace Church; and

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WHEREAS, Generose Szostak graduated as a court reporter from the Gregg Court Reporting School and began working in Chicago; she then worked for the family business, Ratajack's Confectionery Liquor store in North Chicago for 25 years, until in 1980; she then worked for Abbott Laboratories International Division, retiring in December of 1999; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Generose Szostak volunteered at Habitat for Humanity Lake County, Catholic Charities for Meals on Wheels, and at the office helping with the money management program; she also served as coordinator at St. Gilbert Church for the Baptismal Bibs and Purificators; she was a Minister of Care and Eucharistic Minister and a money counter in the

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1 Parish; she was an AARP member and enjoyed her monthly meetings
2 with her sewing club group; she moved to Sedgebrook in April of
3 2010 and volunteered as a Eucharistic Minister, as Minister of
4 Care for Radford Green, for the Interfaith Council, and for the
5 Catholic Council; and

6 WHEREAS, Generose Szostak was enjoyed participating in
7 water volleyball, the fitness center, Phase 10, and Rummi Kub;
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9 WHEREAS, Generose Szostak was preceded in death by her
10 husband, Charles; her parents; her brother, Eugene Snarski; and
11 her sister-in-law, Sally Snarski; and

12 WHEREAS, Generose Szostak is survived by her 5 daughters,
13 Rosemarie Szostak and John Johnson, Carlene Szostak and Cliff
14 Lavin, Maryann and Ralph Wolf, Charlotte and Dan McLaughlin,
15 and Madeline and Tom Hoge; her grandchildren, John David
16 (Terry) Johnson and Johnna (Bryan) Bridges, Tim (Sherrie) Wolf
17 and Joe (Kelly) Wolf, Michael and Rachael Lavin, Phillip and
18 Eric Ricardo, Joseph Tyler, Thomas Peyton and William Mason
19 Hoge, Carlie and Shannon McLaughlin; and her
20 great-grandchildren Haley and Blake Wolf, Anna Beth and Sadie
21 Bridges, and Lydia Johnson; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Generose Marie Szostak, and extend our sincere condolences to
3 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Generose Szostak as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.